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FRENCH EMBASSY HAS ALSO RAISED WITH FONOFF DESIRABILITY WESTERN REPLY TO ZAKHAROV'S OCTOBER 14 NOTE ON DISPLAY GDR FLAG IN WEST BERLIN. FONOFF AGREES THAT IN VIEW OF EAST GERMAN PRESS TREATMENT OF MATTER AND POSSIBILITY GDR MAY REPEAT ACTION ON NOVEMBER 7 ANNIVERSARY, NOTE SHOULD BE SENT TO ZAKHAROV. FONOFF HAS SO INFORMED FRENCH AND INSTRUCTED UK MISSION BERLIN ACCORDINGLY.

FONOFF (WESTERN DEPT) ASSESSMENT OF GDR INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT NOVEMBER 7 AND PROBABLE ATTITUDE OF SOVIET UNION APPEAR SIMILAR TO THAT SET FORTH IN BERLIN TEL TO DEPT 413. FURTHERMORE, FONOFF HAS NOW INSTRUCTED UK MISSION BERLIN TO APPROVE REMOVAL OF FLAGS BY WEST BERLIN POLICE WITHOUT RESTRICTION AS TO NUMBER OR LOCATION. SO FAR AS PARTICIPATION WESTERN GARRISONS CONCERNED, FONOFF (WESTERN DEPT) NOW APPEARS TO AGREE THEY WOULD HAVE TO COME TO ASSISTANCE OF WEST BERLIN POLICE IF LATTER OVERWHELMED. IN ADDITION TO PLACING WESTERN TROOPS IN POSITION TO DEAL IF NECESSARY WITH DISTURBANCES, FONOFF BELIEVES IT WOULD ALSO BE GOOD IDEA TO TIGHTEN CONTROLS BETWEEN NOW AND NOVEMBER 6 WITH VIEW

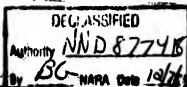
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TO STOPPING GOON SQUADS FROM ENTERING WEST BERLIN.
FONOFF OBVIOUSLY HOPES, HOWEVER, THAT NOTE TO ZAKHAROV
WILL INDUCE SOVIETS KEEP WRAPS ON GDR.

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